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FUNGICIDE TEST FOR CONTROL OF WHITE MOLD OF FIELD BEAN

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White mold (Sclerotinia sclerotiorum) is widely distributed in the irrigated field bean areas of western Nebraska. We have estimated that an overall bean yield loss of at least 12 percent was caused by this fungus in Nebraska in 1970 with losses as high as 47 percent in some fields. In 1971 four fungicides were tested for control of white mold.

The test plot was located in an area of a grower's field of GN #1140 beans. This particular field was chosen because of its past history of white mold infection. The four fungicides (Botran, Bravo, Benlate and Mertect) were applied with sun oil 11E four weeks after planting (first bloom) and again 6 weeks after planting (full bloom).

Infection in the plot was initially detected 9 weeks after planting and increased to an average of 45 percent by harvest. Although coverage of the plants with spray appeared thorough and preceded initial visual evidence of infection, only a slight reduction in disease (20%) was observed with one of the compounds (Benlate) and no significant differences in yield were evident. Since the chemicals tested have been shown to be successful to varying degrees in controlling white mold of green beans, no explanation for lack of control in our test is evident at this time.

ROOT ROT RESISTANCE TRIALS OF PLANT INTRODUCTION AND BREEDING LINES AT SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA - 1971

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All lines were planted at the Scotts Bluff Experiment Station on June 3, 1971. The trial was located in an area which had bean croppings the two preceding seasons and a high incidence of root rot (primarily caused by <u>Fusarium solani f. sp. phaseoli)</u>. Row length varied from 8 to 15 ft. depending on the quantity of seed available; however, plant density differences were minimized. Standard dry bean varieties were randomized within the plot for

comparative purposes. Evaluation of maturity, type of growth, and root rot severity were made on September 9, 1971.

Of the 50 lines planted, the 20 which are considered worthy of further evaluation are listed along with the standard varieties below:

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Identifying		of	_		1
No.	Origin	Growth	Maturity	Root	Rot Rating 1
224-739	Mexico	Viny	No flowers	0.53	Internal ²
224-714	11	Large, Bush	Mature	0.5	
226-856	Spain	Semi- viny	Green pods	0.7	
224-730	Mexico	Bush	Nearly mature	0.7	
201-378	11	Large, Viny	Mature	0.7	Internal
224-740	11	Viny	Nearly mature	0.5	
201-341	11	11	Few flowers	0.5	
203-958	tt	11	Flowering	0.5	Internal
255-960	Italy	Semi- viny	Mature	0.7	
224-742	Mexico	Viny	No flowers	0.7	Internal
224-737	11	11	11 11	0.7	Internal
226-875	Spain	11	Mature	0.7	
269-531	W. Pakistan	11	11	0.5	
269-2 07	Peru	11	Few flowers	0.7	
269-210	Peru	Large, viny	No flowers	0.5	Internal
269-206	Mexico	Viny	No flowers	0.5	
205-211	Turkey	Large, viny	Young pods	0.5	
226-871	Ukraine	Viny	Mature	0.7	
70-BC-599	Prosser,	D 1.	Markey	^ B	
(F ₃) 70-BC-430	Wash.	Bush	Mature	0.7	
(F ₃)	Prosser, Wash.	11	Nearly mature	0.5	
GN "Jules"	Nebraska	Semi- viny	Mature	2.0	
GN U1#59	Idaho	Bush	Mature	2.0	
GN Nebr. #1	Nebraska	Semi- viny	Mature	2.0	
Pinto Ul#111	Idaho	Bush	Mature	2.0	

Rating based on 0.0 = healthy root; 5.0 = completely rotted root.

Internal refers to reddish lesions only evident when root or hypocotyl is cut open.

³Mean of ratings of ten plants.